

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
June 9, 2025
6:00 PM

LOCATION:
1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT: 6:12 PM

A. Roll Call

Board Members:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Angela Puleio Emily Walkiewicz Noelle Luccioni Angela Corosanite Jason Corosanite Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent:	Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. January Teti Julia Viola Melissa Quarracino Keri Gleason Thayne Dibble, STS Director of Compliance Joseph McBride, STS Director of Security
Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY DANIEL H. SAIDEL

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on June 9, 2025, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 708 to discuss Resolutions 7 and 11 below:

(X) Consultation with Professional Advisor or Attorney. To consult with its attorney or other professional advisor regarding information or strategy in connection with litigation or with issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed.

(X) Discuss Confidential Matters. To review and discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or confidentiality protected by law, including matters related to the initiation and conduct of investigations of possible or certain violations of the law and quasi-judicial deliberations.

Additional Notes for Minutes of Meeting:

C. Approval of Agenda

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R250609.01 Approval: June 9, 2025 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves the **June 9, 2025** Agenda of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

D. Approval of Minutes

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R250609.02 Approval: May 12, 2025 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School Board of Trustees Board meeting minutes for **May 12, 2025**.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

SECTION II: REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)

Good Evening, my name is David Annecharico. I serve as General Counsel to the Charter School Board of Trustees. Will you please state your name for our records?

You will have three minutes to address the Board of Trustees. Any documents or communications that you might supplement your comment with should be submitted to me. I will keep the time and notify the board when three minutes have elapsed.

This Board may choose not to comment, question or respond in any way to your public comment. I will begin the time now.

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

B. Report of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School

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R250609.03 Report of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School accepts Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School report and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written reports of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School presented to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>A. Puleio</i>	<i>Philadelphia Performing Arts' reports have been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R250609.04 Report of String Theory Schools

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School accepts the String Theory Schools report and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written reports of String Theory Schools presented to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>A. Corosanite</i>	<i>String Theory Schools' reports have been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>
<i>J. Corosanite</i>	<i>STSD finished its first fully year. It is an early college for 11th and 12th grade students, teaching a fusion between design and engineering (product design and development).</i> <i>By March 2026, STSD should be a full candidate for accreditation, and students will graduate high school with 60 college credits and an</i>

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	<i>Associate's degree. Exploring opening a graduate school for education. For the next school year, approximately 75 students have applied for 40 open slots.</i>
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D. Report of General Counsel

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R250609.05 Report of General Counsel

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School accepts the General Counsel's report and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written reports of Sand & Saidel P.C. as presented to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>D. Saidel</i>	<i>Congratulated STSD on opening of college and its success so far. Also gave credit to the staff who worked very hard to open the college and ensure its success.</i>

E. Report of Business Controller

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R250609.06 Report of Business Controller

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School reviews and accepts the Financial Report of the Business Controller and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the financial statements and the documents presented by the Business Controller to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>M. Danyo</i>	<i>Expenditures are under budget, PPA is expected to finish the year with a healthy surplus.</i>
	<i>The student subsidy rate came in higher than originally budgeted, which does help budget projections.</i>

SECTION IV: OLD BUSINESS

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R250609.07 Expulsion of Student C.D.

RESOLVED, Student C.D. is permanently expelled from Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School effective June 9, 2025;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Board of Trustees on file with Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School and the record of the formal expulsion hearing of Student C.D. ("Hearing Record") is adopted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hearing Record is made a part of Student C.D.'s permanent record.

By Roll Call:

Javier Kuehnle – *nay*
William Bradley Leach – *nay*
Kristin Kubach – *nay*
Ronald Pigliacelli – *nay*
Evelt Vertil – *absent*
Krista Alexander – *nay*

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>D. Annecharico</i>	<i>C.D. did successfully complete assigned disciplinary probation since the May Board Meeting, and therefore is not eligible for expulsion.</i>

SECTION V: NEW BUSINESS

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R250609.08 Professional Services Contracts

RESOLVED, the Professional Services Contracts, proposals and associated reports listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, in consultation with the general counsel and business controller are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of any agreement between Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School and the Contractors listed below for the enumerated professional services; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, any officer of this Board is directed and authorized to execute any document necessary to effect this resolution.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Epic Special Education Services aka Therapy Travelers	Various Amounts	Renewal of agreement for 2025-2026 SY
Valley Forge Educational Services	\$91,500.00	2025-2026 Tuition for Students A.D., B.L., P.P., and S.P.J.
Valley Forge Educational Services	\$8,833.00	ESY 2025 for Students A.D., B.L., P.P.

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Valley Forge Educational Services	\$12,783.00	ESY 2025 for Student S.P.J.
Fairwold Academy	\$297.24 per diem + related services	ESY 2025 Tuition for Students Y.L. and L.G-G.
Specialized Education of Pennsylvania	\$1,630.02	ESY 2025 Tuition for Student H.S.
Dex + Co.	\$31,200.00/month	Cleaning Services for 1600 Vine Street
Andrea DuFour	\$2,300.00/evaluation	Psychoeducational evaluations

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

R250609.09 Purchases

RESOLVED, the Purchases and associated reports listed below are hereby accepted and ratifiedd;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, in consultation with the general counsel and business controller are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of any agreement between Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School and the Contractors listed below for the enumerated purchases; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, any officer of this Board is directed and authorized to execute any document necessary to effect this resolution.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

R250609.10 Human Resources

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School accepts the human resources changes, modifications and additions as presented below:

HIRES		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Morgan Wilson	Substitute	5/15/2025

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R250609.11 Safety and Security Report

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby ratifies the Executive Session on June 9, 2025, to Review the Safety and Security Report, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
J. McBride	Discussed in Executive Session

R250609.11 Terms and Trustees

RESOLVED, in accordance with Article II of the Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School Bylaws, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby re-installs the following Trustees for the terms of office listed below:

Ronald Pigliacelli: 7/1/25 - 6/30/27

Krista Alexander: 7/1/25 - 6/30/27

Kristin Kubach: 7/1/25 - 6/30/27

By Roll Call:

Javier Kuehnle – *aye*

William Bradley Leach – *aye*

Kristin Kubach – *aye*

Ronald Pigliacelli – *aye*

Evelt Vertil – *absent*

Krista Alexander – *aye*

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R250609.12 Board Officers

RESOLVED, in accordance with Article III of the Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School Bylaws, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter

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School hereby elects the following Officers for the terms of office listed below:

Chairperson: Javier Kuehnle: 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

Vice Chairperson: William Bradley Leach: 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

Treasurer: Ronald Pigliacelli: 7/1/25– 6/30/26

Secretary: Kristin Kubach: 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

By Roll Call:

Javier Kuehnle – *aye*

William Bradley Leach – *aye*

Kristin Kubach – *aye*

Ronald Pigliacelli – *aye*

Evelt Vertil – *absent*

Krista Alexander – *aye*

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
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R250609.13 Lease Subsidy Reimbursement

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves the application for reimbursement of a charter school lease for 2024-2025, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 11, 2025

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:26 PM

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